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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 December 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-15 and 18-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-15, and 18-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/C)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is issued in response to applicant's RCE filed December 29, 2008.
2. Claims 1-3, 5-15, and 18-28 are presented. Claims 27 and 28 are added and claims 4 and 16-17 are cancelled.
3. Claims 1-3, 5-15, and 18-28 are pending.
4. Applicant's arguments filed December 29, 2008, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

5. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on December 29, 2008 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-3, 5-15, and 18-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Geary (US Patent No. 6,070,160) filed January 29, 1996, in view of Rivette (US Patent No. 5,991,751) filed June 2, 1997.

Regarding Claims 1, 9, 13, 20, and 27, Geary discloses a method for managing data, comprising the steps of:

creating a parameter file that identifies database fields (col.7, lines 48-53, Geary);

establishing a link with at least one database (col.7, lines 31-37 and col.14, lines 55-63, Geary);

importing data from fields in the database that are identified in the parameter file (col.7, lines 25-53, Geary);

linking the imported data and/or grouping to corresponding earlier stored records and/or groupings (col.7, lines 25-37, Geary), respectively. However, Geary is not as detailed with grouping the imported data into at least one category; storing the imported data as records in at least one internal database; selecting at least one category for viewing; retrieving the records from the selected categories; and displaying statistical information about the retrieved records by the selected categories in a spreadsheet user interface. On the other hand, Rivette discloses grouping the imported data into at least one category (col.19, lines 13-24 and col.33, lines 10-35, Rivette); storing the imported data as records in at least one internal database (col.33, lines 36-46 and col.96, lines 27-51, Rivette); selecting at least one category for viewing (col.33, lines 47-63, Rivette);

retrieving the records from the selected categories (col.33, lines 47-63, Rivette); and displaying statistical information about the retrieved records by the selected categories in a spreadsheet user interface (col.33, lines 63-67 and col.94, lines 56-67, Rivette). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate Rivette's teachings into the Geary system. A skilled artisan would have been motivated to combine in order to allow for a more organized and user-friendly program.

Regarding Claim 2, the combination of Geary in view of Rivette, disclose the method wherein the imported data is linked to corresponding imported data by a tight link (col.85, lines 1-22, Rivette).

Regarding Claims 3 and 15, the combination of Geary in view of Rivette, disclose the method wherein the tight link corresponds to an access number and/or a patent number (col.85, lines 1-22, Rivette).

Regarding Claim 5, the combination of Geary in view of Rivette, disclose the method wherein the groupings of the data are chosen by the user (col.67-68, lines 21-67 and 1-65, respectively; Rivette).

Regarding Claim 6, the combination of Geary in view of Rivette, disclose the method wherein the groupings are listed in categories named by the user (col.67-68, lines 21-67 and 1-65, respectively; Rivette).

Regarding Claim 7, the combination of Geary in view of Rivette, disclose the method wherein data imported from at least one database provide information to each of the patents or documents cited for a particular patent or group of patents (col.96, lines 27-51, Rivette).

Regarding Claims 8 and 25, the combination of Geary in view of Rivette, disclose the method wherein each internal database stores a predetermined category of imported data (col.33, lines 36-46 and col.96, lines 27-51, Rivette).

Regarding Claim 10, the combination of Geary in view of Rivette, disclose the method wherein the data is displayed in a spreadsheet format in accordance with a user's preference selection (col.33, lines 63-67, Rivette).

Regarding Claim 11, the combination of Geary in view of Rivette, disclose the method wherein the displayed data can be manipulated by a user in order to view the data most relevant to the user's needs (col.107, lines 24-62, Rivette).

Regarding Claims 12 and 14, the combination of Geary in view of Rivette, disclose the method wherein the bibliographic data pertains to patents (col.17, lines 55-66, Rivette).

Regarding Claim 18, the combination of Geary in view of Rivette, disclose the system wherein data may be marked by the user with an indication of priority (col.60, lines 40-45, Rivette).

Regarding Claim 19, the combination of Geary in view of Rivette, disclose the system wherein the data imported includes the number of references cited to a patent (col.17, lines 55-67, Rivette).

Regarding Claim 21, the combination of Geary in view of Rivette, disclose the method further including the steps of:

detecting user selection of a cell in said spreadsheet user interface that contains a statistic about the retrieval records (col.33, lines 63-67 and col.94, lines 56-67, Rivette); and

in response to said selection, displaying citation information about the patents represented by said statistic (col.85, lines 52-58, Rivette).

Regarding Claim 22, the combination of Geary in view of Rivette, disclose the method wherein said spreadsheet user interface includes a column of descriptions of categories in respective rows (col.33, lines 63-67 and col.94, lines 56-67, Rivette).

Regarding Claims 23, 24, and 28, the combination of Geary in view of Rivette, disclose the method wherein said statistical information comprises the number of patents in a category represented in a row or column of the spread sheet user interface (col.94, lines 56-65, Rivette).

Regarding Claim 26, the combination of Geary in view of Rivette, disclose the system wherein said designated category comprises a field of the database (col.18, lines 3-7, Rivette).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Points of Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHELCIE DAYE whose telephone number is (571)272-3891. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:00 - 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Apu Mofiz can be reached on 571-272-4080. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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